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RANDOLPH-MACON TAKES SECOND GAME FROM WILLIAM AND MARY

Defeat by Yellow Jackets Puts Varsity Out of Running for Basketball Championship

For the second time the William and Mary basketball team went down in defeat before the five representing Randolph-Macon College. This time it was on the Yellow Jackets' court and to the tune of 31 to 7. This defeat put William and Mary out of the running for the championship, but as half of the games yet remain to be played, the Varsity still has a chance to make a good fight and reward the supporters of our team.

In the game at Ashland Saturday, the locals were completely outplayed. The first half ended 11-0 and the second half was little better from the William and Mary point of view. Sheffey, Lee and Scott played best for R-M, while Jones was the only one of the Orange and Black able to cage the ball.

Lineup and summary:

W. and M.	Position	R-M
Jones.....	left forward	Sheffey
Bertschey.....	right forward	Lee
Gayle.....	center	Landon
Wyatt.....	left guard	Brittingham
Zion.....	right guard	Scott

Substitutions: R-M—Richardson for Scott; Scott for Landon; Waters for Lee; Zimmerman for Brittingham

Goals from field—Sheffey 7, Lee 3, Scott 5, Jones 3. Goals from foul—Sheffey, Bertschey. Referee—Hughes, V. P. I. Time of halves 20 minutes.

SUMMER SCHOOL

More than fifty of the students in College are awaiting for some news relative to the summer school, but nothing definite has been decided. The executive committee of the College Board will meet this week to discuss the matter. The students in College are not the only interested ones. H. L. Suffridge, of the Appalachian, and Long Rufus Hamilton, of Scott County, are expecting to take their degrees at the summer session. It would be a disappointment to many to discontinue the Summer Term just now.

Miss Emily Christian, the popular librarian of the College, who has been ill for two weeks is well again and on duty.

ROANOKE COLLEGE ADMITTED INTO VIRGINIA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Business Transactions at the Annual Meeting of the Intercollegiate Association

At the annual meeting of the Virginia Intercollegiate Association held in Richmond recently, the following business was transacted:

I. Admitted Roanoke College to the Western Division. No college of either division is bound by this action to play games with Roanoke College.

II. Appointed a committee consisting of Dr. Winston, Dr. Day, and Mr. Pollard to revise the constitution of the association. This committee is first to make a rough draft of the constitution, inviting suggestions from the various colleges of the association, submit this draft to the various colleges for their criticism, and then call a meeting of the association before the end of the present scholastic year to draft the constitution in its final form.

III. Pending the action on the new constitution the following regulations were adopted:

1. The executive committee was empowered to select two umpires for baseball for the coming baseball season, one for each championship game, arrange their salaries, and apportion the expense (salaries traveling expenses, etc.) equally among the four colleges of the Eastern Division. It was also proposed and sanctioned that a similar arrangement regarding football be provided for in the new constitution. The executive committee shall employ the umpires by March 1st.

2. The president and secretary were authorized to draw up a contract blank to be printed at the expense of the association to be distributed to all the colleges for the use of the managers in arranging their contracts.

3. The association will hereafter print and distribute to the various colleges a blank containing the following questions to be answered by all students participating in intercollegiate athletics.

a On what date this session did you register?

b How many hours college credit have you?

c Do you hold a scholarship? If so, by whom awarded?

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HERBERT, CHAMPION FEATHERWEIGHT WRESTLER, WILL TRAIN STUDENTS

World's Champion Will Give Instruction in Boxing and Wrestling in College Gymnasium

Mr. Geo. W. Herbert, featherweight wrestling champion of the world, beginning Friday of this week will give wrestling and boxing lessons in the College Gymnasium every Monday and Friday afternoon from 4:30 to 6 o'clock. Ever since Mr. Herbert took up his residence in Williamsburg he has been keenly interested in the College. Last week while he and Dr. Draper were talking about physical training of the students, Mr. Herbert volunteered to give free instruction in wrestling and boxing to all students who desire it, and the Coach promptly made arrangements for him to use the Y. M. C. A. room at the time stated for this purpose.

In an interview Mr. Herbert said: "I'm not giving these lessons to prepare men for the profession; in fact, I advise them to keep out of the fighting game as a business. What these boys need, though, is a chance to develop their muscles and there's no sport that'll give them the all-round exercise that wrestling will. And while my interest is primarily in wrestling, because it develops every muscle in the body from the big toe to the top of the head. I believe every man ought to know something about boxing. I'm a peace advocate, you understand, but I believe a man ought to know how to protect himself in case of necessity, and you never can tell when you'll need it. If I were Carnegie I wouldn't endow libraries; I'd put a gymnasium in every town in the country, and place a competent man in charge of each. What a man needs is health and strength. If he has those he can go out and earn enough money to buy books."

Mr. Herbert is as popular with the students as one would expect such an open-hearted philanthropist to be, and his classes are sure to be crowded.

F. F. Jenkins has been in Smithfield several days owing to the illness and death of his mother.

Mr. Schaener, of Ohio, representative of the Worldwide purity movement was on the Campus last week soliciting student salesman for their purity books. Several boys signed up for the work.

JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL QUINT DEFEATS LOCAL ACADEMY TEAM

Preps. Start off With a Rush, But Richmond Boys Come Back Strong and Win by Large Score

William and Mary Academy put up a game fight against the John Marshall High School bunch on the college court Saturday night

The Academy started off with a rush, scoring four points in the first few minutes, while the Marshalites scored none. But after the first five minutes of play, Bethel made a few brilliant shots, and turned the tide, ending the first half with the score 22 to 8 in John Marshall's favor.

Both teams went back in the second half with a strong determination but the visitors outclassed the locals both in size and experience. The latter part was marked by considerable roughness on the part of both teams, many fouls being called.

Final score, John Marshall, 42; Academy, 14.

Lineup and summary:

W. M. A.	Position	J. M. H. S.
Spencer.....	left forward	Woodard
Ellis.....	right forward	Pendleton
Somers.....	center	Bethel
Baker.....	left guard	Hargrave
Wilson.....	right guard	Ekmig

Goals from floor—Spencer 4, Somers 1, Ellis 1, Wilson 1, Woodard 8, Pendleton 2, Bethel 5, Hargrave 2, Ekmig 1. Goals from fouls—Woodard 6. Referee—Ferguson. Time of halves—15 and 20 minutes.

MRS. BLOXTON ENTERTAINS

Mrs. W. M. A. Bloxton, wife of Prof. Bloxton of the Academy Faculty, on Saturday night last entertained very handsomely in honor of his sister, Miss Everett, and Miss Williamson. The guests were kept delightfully busy throughout the evening following up the "Chats" arranged by the hostess. The refreshments, which, with the decorations and the "programs," were suggestive of Washington's Birthday, were greatly enjoyed by all.

Mr. W. T. Brown has been confined to his room for several days with a severe case of Lagrippe.

Professor John Tyler has made arrangements with the Ben Greet theatrical troupe, of New York, to have them deliver two plays in Williamsburg on Monday May 4th. Macbeth's Tragedy will be presented in the afternoon and "She Stoops to Conquer," at night.

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GRADING

A few years ago William and Mary by requiring each degree candidate to make "B" or better on at least half his credits, recognized the principle that a mere passing grade on all courses taken represents too low a standard of scholarship to warrant the award of a degree. This was a commendable advance over the old system, but we believe there is still room for improvement in our grading system, and recommend a consideration of what is known as the English plan, under which students are classified as to ability and scholarship instead of being herded together as freshmen, sophomores, etc.—not as individuals, but merely as members of a class.

The English system as first used by Oxford and Cambridge has now been considerably varied in different colleges and universities. Under the Oxford plan the better class of students are kept apart from the others and given superior opportunities for scholastic work and closer personal instruction. The pass men on the other hand have easier examinations and lighter work.

But the system that we advocate and think ought to be adopted here is one that has recently been proposed in America. This plan offers more credits toward graduation for

superior attainment in an allotted course than for inferior work in the same course. For instance, a man who makes an average of "A" would receive more credits or fractions of a credit than would one who made "C." This plan has been adopted by Yale and will go into effect there in September 1915, and has been highly recommended at other American institutions, notably at Tulane University and Oberlin College.

Under such a method, efficiency and effort would receive its just reward. The student with the desire and the ability to do good work, would ever have an incentive before him; and he would not have to tax his patience and lose time by waiting for the "deadhead." The only thing that would check a man under this system would be his own limitations: the energetic, the lazy, the competent, and the incompetent student would each "get what was coming to him." We believe this would stimulate keener competition among the students, and would improve the general tone of the college, but the keynote of the system is "justice" the American boast.

TIDEWATER ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FORMED

With a membership of ten high schools and academies, the Tidewater Interscholastic Athletic Association was organized in Norfolk Saturday afternoon. Its purposes will be to control and supervise all kinds of athletics among the preparatory schools of Tidewater Virginia.

The constitution adopted empowers the executive committee to settle all disputes, award championships and supervise schedules. Strict eligibility rules were adopted, prohibiting the playing of post-graduates, and requiring certain scholastic attainments.

The officers elected for the first year were: president, J. D. Kelly, of Maury High; vice-president, R. Ames Drivers' Agricultural High; secy., L. G. White, Portsmouth High; treasurer, C. G. Campbell, of Hampton.

Charter members of the association are: Maury High, of Norfolk; Portsmouth High, Newport News High, Suffolk High, Franklin High, Drivers' Agricultural High, William and Mary Academy, St. Paul Academy, of Portsmouth, and Old Point College.

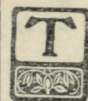
A telegram from Virgilina, Va., Friday morning notified W. D. Harris of the sudden death of his mother.

At the last meeting of the College Faculty a resolution was adopted recommending to the Board of Visitors that the William and Mary Academy be abolished. This resolution provides that two years be given the Academy in which time the B and C students will finish preparatory work.

CRAZY QUILT PAICHES

(BY JOOZY KORR)

THE HONOR SYSTEM



THE Honor System is an ingenious device invented by the College of William and Mary in 1779 for the purpose of keeping the students in the straight and narrow path by throwing the burden entirely upon their own shoulders. The device, like the plunger type egg-beater, has never been patented and the result is that the University of Virginia is to-day using our invention and claiming that it sprang from the brain of its Jupiter. But that's irrelevant. You may know that after 135 year's service it is certain that this device does not fall in a class with those Tennessee perpetual motion machines which W. H. K. tells us are an impossibility; it works,—works with as much ease and eclat as does a pair of button-hole scissors mowing a field of alfalfa. For example, take the results of its use in the Zoology laboratory. The instructor who by the way is a pathologist in

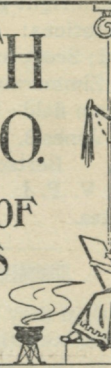
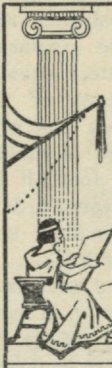
one of the State Hospital Corps, realized that it required the services of a Philadelphia lawyer to read the lab. instructions scribbled by his predecessor. Consequently, by agreement with the class, he had a number of typewritten sets of instructions struck off at his own expense, but each student was to reimburse him to the extent of 30 cents. Now, try this on your conscience and see if it will stand the friction, ye zoologists. If it gets sore and inflamed apply the soothing device, the Honor System. About 1 per cent. of the class paid the 30 cents; what did the other 99 per cent. do? Filched the instructor's pocket to the extent of \$6.00. This is Faganism: Fagan himself couldn't have taught them better. Another type of Faganist is the bosom friend who borrows your last \$10, later gives you a check, still later recalls the check and henceforth forever and anon calls the deal off. No mistake about it, the System works like a charm. If you don't believe it witness its spread all over the country, even into the penitentiaries.

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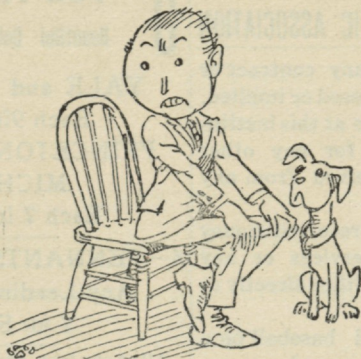
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But now we see a change. The notices are scratched out so that they cannot be read, and some notices are placed on the board by those who have no authority to post them. We cannot help but feel that the man who posts a notice unauthorized, or scratches out one unasked does not realize what he is doing. Consider what trouble may be caused, and what mistakes may be made by the scratching out of the name of a man chosen to take a trip with an athletic team, or the posting of a notice that a certain meeting has been postponed when it has not. And finally, remember that there is a name under these notices, if not expressed at least implied; and that this name stands for something; and that society does not tolerate the imitation of a signature.

Greb.

TOM FARMER HERE

Tom Farmer, ex-convict, the travelling Evangelist, was in Williamsburg over Sunday. In the morning he spoke in the Methodist Church; in the afternoon he gave an account of his life while a criminal; at night he addressed the Young Peoples League at the Baptist Church and later chatted informally with a number of students in the Brafferton Dormitory.

PRELIMINARY DEBATING CONTEST

The first Preliminary Contest for the Intercollegiate Debate was held Friday evening last. The judges expressed themselves as much pleased with the showing. A second preliminary will be held Feb. 27th, and the final contest on Friday night, March 5, when the judges will name the four debaters and the sides they are to uphold in the debate with Randolph-Macon and Hampden-Sidney Colleges.

Duck Hammel has ordered a "Poney" for the Chapel hymn books so he will be able to help sing.

Owby has disposed of his guitar, music box, and other musical paraphernalia and is taking dancing lessons.

H. Wilson Thorpe spent Washington's Birthday anniversary with his girl in Richmond. Thorpe says it has been his custom to do so for the past fifteen years.

Mrs. J. S. Wilson is spending several days in Richmond with friends.

Dr. J. Leslie Hall, and Professor Bennett were out of town Saturday on business relative to their work in College.

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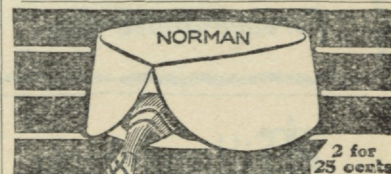
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e Have you ever received money for your athletic services or any other compensation either directly or indirectly?

f Have you played baseball on a "summer team" since you became a college student? Was the team of your home town (that is, the town in which you had resided three months previously, and were still residing)? Did you receive compensation beyond your board and transportation?

g How many years, current year not included, have you participated in intercollegiate games in or out of this association?

On my honor as a gentlemen I affirm that the above answers are wholly true.

(Signature)

The following question will probably be added to the above list by the constitutional committee: How many entrance units have you?

4. No member of a football or basketball team who leaves college before the expiration of two thirds of the scholastic year will be permitted to participate in intercollegiate games the next year.

IV. Dr. McWhorter, of Hampden-Sidney, was elected President, Prof. Handy, of Richmond College, vice-president, and the election of a secretary and treasurer intrusted to the executive committee.

V. The following executive committee was chosen:

Dr. Day, of Randolph-Macon.
C. A. Taylor, of William & Mary.
Rives Fleming, Hampden-Sidney.
Mr. Pollard, of Richmond College.
Mr. Wadley, of V. P. I.
Dr. Carpenter, of Roanoke College.

A Committee of the Faculty has been appointed to gather data and make investigations relative to a division of the College Year into three terms instead of the two now existing.

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